

## Saturday's rave raises \$1,400 for Haiti

Tiffany Roney | COLLEGIAN

Brightly dressed people poured in as people dripping with sweat streamed out.

This event was more than a typical college party – it was a rave to support Haiti. The Coalition at K-State, a social justice group, used the rave to raise more than \$1,400.

“We couldn’t have expected a better turnout with as much money that has come in,” said Newell Bowman, sophomore in women’s studies and secretary of the Coalition. “It’s just really exciting to see everyone come on their Saturday night to the Union and dance together, knowing that we’re helping people in Haiti.”

Though the rave raised money, it was actually a last-minute decision for that profit to benefit Haiti. The event was originally going toward Invisible Children’s Schools for Schools program, but plans changed on Jan. 12, when a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, killing more than 150,000, according to the Haitian government.

In the wake of the quake, the members of the Coalition made a quick decision about where the funds needed to go.

The decision of the Coalition, combined with the profits from rave tickets and donations from students, will make a definite difference for those who are struggling in Haiti, Bowman said.

“For a meal in Haiti, it’s 17 cents,” she said. “A dollar is an insurmountable amount of money, so to have that many dollars ... it’s huge.”

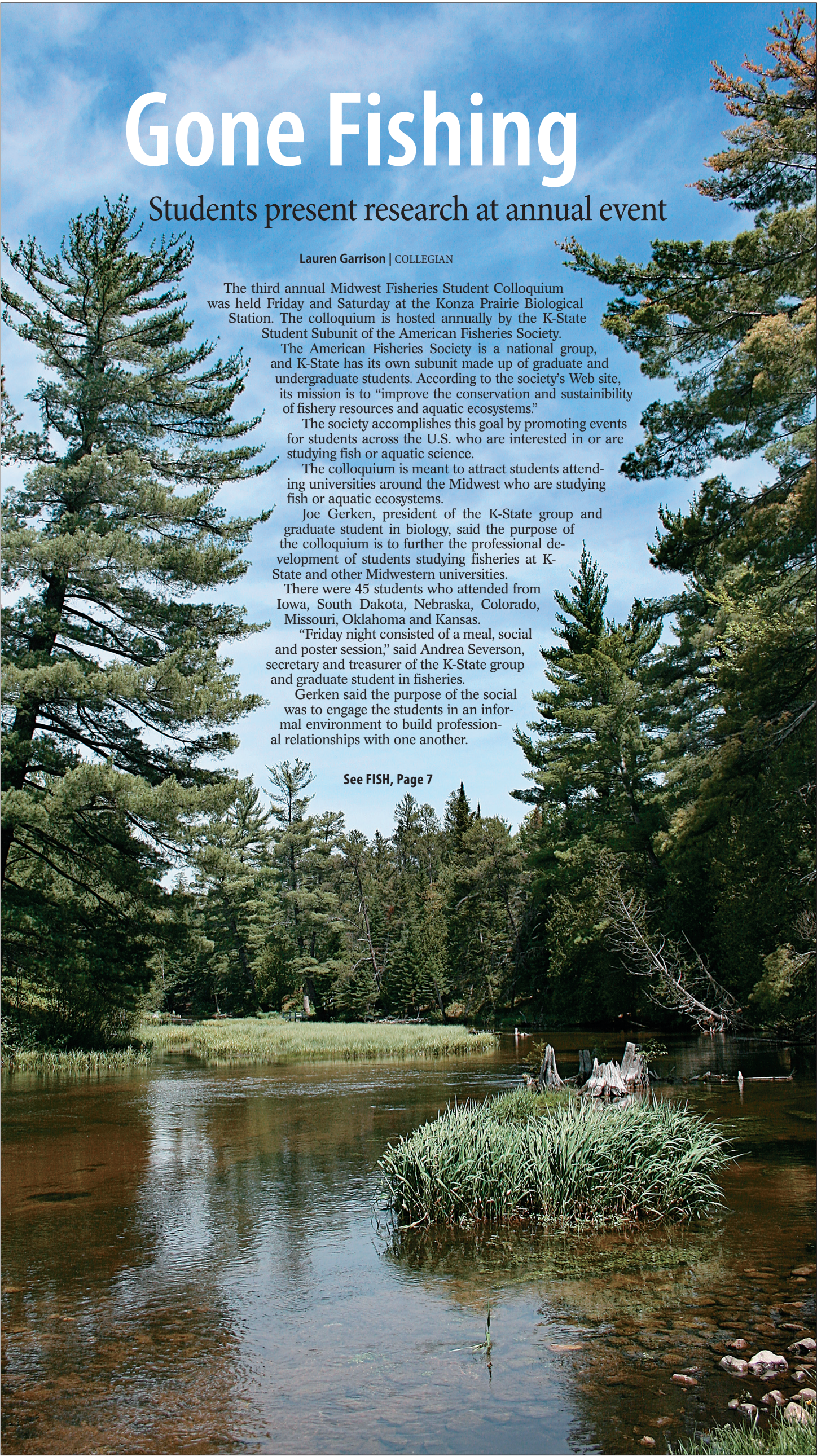
The proceeds will be sent to World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization that has worked in Haiti for more than 30 years.

In addition to the satisfaction of raising funds, students said they found other reasons to smile about participating in the rave.

“It’s fun getting crunk and jamming out,” said Maggie Biberstein, freshman in open option. “I like when there’s a bunch of people together dancing because everyone goes crazy and just has a good time.”

Matt Morton, 2009 K-State graduate, said while the dancing and music was fun, he wanted to emphasize that the most important part was coming together for one cause.

“There’s a lot of hurting people out there in Haiti, and they need the help of anything they can get,” Morton said. “It’s a blessing to even get to do this.”



## Gone Fishing

Students present research at annual event

Lauren Garrison | COLLEGIAN

The third annual Midwest Fisheries Student Colloquium was held Friday and Saturday at the Konza Prairie Biological Station. The colloquium is hosted annually by the K-State Student Subunit of the American Fisheries Society.

The American Fisheries Society is a national group, and K-State has its own subunit made up of graduate and undergraduate students. According to the society’s Web site, its mission is to “improve the conservation and sustainability of fishery resources and aquatic ecosystems.”

The society accomplishes this goal by promoting events for students across the U.S. who are interested in or are studying fish or aquatic science.

The colloquium is meant to attract students attending universities around the Midwest who are studying fish or aquatic ecosystems.

Joe Gerken, president of the K-State group and graduate student in biology, said the purpose of the colloquium is to further the professional development of students studying fisheries at K-State and other Midwestern universities.

There were 45 students who attended from Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas.

“Friday night consisted of a meal, social and poster session,” said Andrea Severson, secretary and treasurer of the K-State group and graduate student in fisheries.

Gerken said the purpose of the social was to engage the students in an informal environment to build professional relationships with one another.

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## Ogden mayor faces recall after citizens sign petition



Caitlyn Mason | COLLEGIAN

The city of Ogden, Kan., will hold a special election March 9, when residents of the city will vote whether Mayor Jimmy Bond should be recalled.

Several residents of Ogden claim Bond violated the Kansas Open Meetings Act and made appointments without following procedures, which violated the city’s ordinances.

The issue arose this past summer when Bond fired two teenage lifeguards, Gabriel Burch and Austen Doy-

al, who worked at the Ogden City Pool. Some citizens said Bond unlawfully fired the teens.

“The mayor had come in, told me to take those boys off the schedule,” said Mona Bass, pool manager, in an article from KTKA.com, a news station in Topeka, Kan. “I, at the time, thought that meant just for that week.”

“However, he did come back to the pool and said ‘I trust you’ve taken those boys off the schedule.’ I said, ‘You don’t mean fire them,’ and he said ‘Yes.’”

Bass also said later that

she had authorized the boys to take a 15-minute break, and they were not doing anything wrong.

On Aug. 5, the city council decided to close the pool early due to a shortage of lifeguards. The Ogden Youth Center was also closed this summer, leaving the Ogden children without any local pool.

Jacob Wilde, former director of the Ogden Youth Center, created a Web site encouraging the community to rally together and sign a petition to “oust” the mayor. Several citizens accepted

and signed the petition.

After weeks of preparation, Ogden residents gave Riley County Clerk Rich Vargo the petition that requested a recall of the mayor. Vargo said that the residents had enough signatures on the petition for a recall vote.

The petition required the signatures of 81 registered voters to be considered a valid petition.

Mayor Jimmy Bond has refused to speak about the petition to recall him except to say he is confident he will win a recall.

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Today's Cryptokuip Clue: K equals H

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-IT Orientation: IT Training will be held from 2-3 p.m. Feb. 17 in Hale Library, Room 401B.  
-IT Orientation: Computing at K-State will be held from 2-3 p.m. Feb. 23 in Hale Library, Room 401B.  
-IT Orientation: Library Technology will be held from 10-11 a.m. March 4 in Hale Library, Room 401B.  
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**Recreational Services** seeks officials for intramural basketball. Starting pay is \$7.75. The training clinic will be held Monday at 5 p.m. To qualify, you must be enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours for spring semester and attend all three training sessions. For more information, call Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

**Applications for Student Alumni Board** are now available at the K-State Alumni Center or online at [k-state.com/sab](http://k-state.com/sab). An information reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Center on Thursday for anyone interested in finding out more about the group. Applications are due at the Alumni Center by

Feb. 3 at 5 p.m.

**Free indoor cycling classes** are available at the Peters Recreation Complex through Tuesday for students and Rec members. New rates begin Jan. 27 with students paying \$1 and Rec members paying \$2 per class. Reserve your spot up to 24 hours in advance at the service desk or by calling 785-532-6950.

**Recreational Services** is offering two dance programs - Hip Hop Dance and Just Dance. Each program is 5-weeks, offered in several levels of difficulty, and begins Feb. 8. Sign up in the office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For class descriptions and fees, go online to [recservices.k-state.edu](http://recservices.k-state.edu).

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**The Graduate School** announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Tej Bahadur Shrestha at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Chemistry/Biochemistry Building, Room 437. The thesis topic is "Heterocycles for Life-Sciences Applications and Information Storage."

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## DAILY BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

THURSDAY

**Russell Luis Allen Jr.**, Hutchinson, Kan., was arrested at 1:10 p.m. for seven counts of theft. Bond was set at \$3,000.

**Zachary Scott Holler**, 1300 Marlatt Ave., 203, was arrested at 2:10 p.m. for theft and worthless check. Bond was set at \$5,000.

**Virgil Leon Koppenheffer Jr.**, 2134 Patricia Pl., was arrested at 3:15 p.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$50.

**Garth William Prather**, Gove, Kan., was arrested at 5:15 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$10,000.

**Rodchedrick Dewonde Fain**, Junction City, was arrested at 5:39 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Michael Anthony Payne**, Junction City, was arrested at 5:49 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

**Brian Lee Havens**, Louisville, Kan., was arrested at 7:50 p.m. for falsely reporting a crime. No bond was set.



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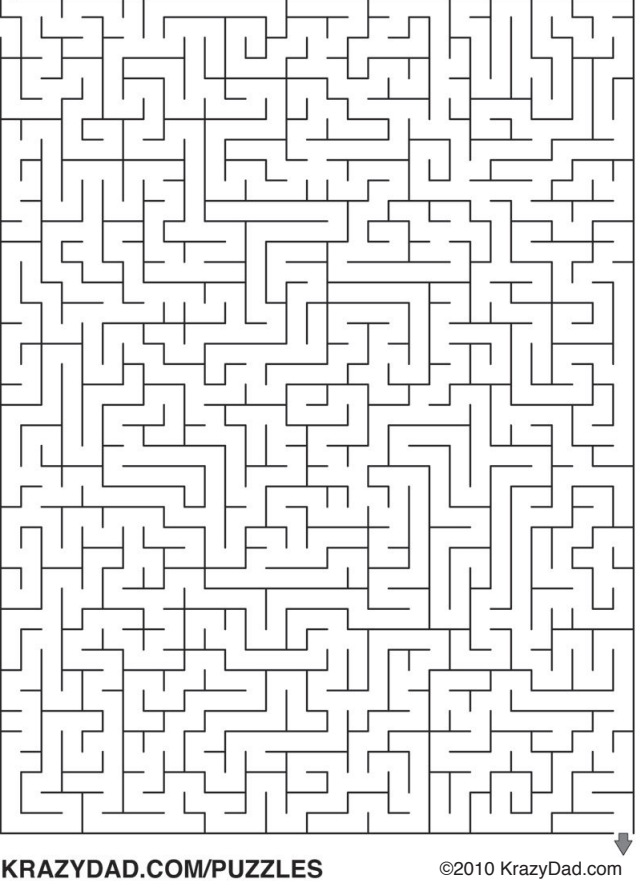
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# K-State grad nominated to chair national sports, fitness council



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Tyler Scott |COLLEGIAN

A K-State alumnus is looking to continue his life in the U.S. President's Council.

Kevin Saunders, who graduated from K-State in 1978, is a former Olympic athlete and was nominated to become the chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

He has worked on the council before and was nominated numerous times. In October 1993, he became the first person with a disability to be appointed to the president's council. Former President George H. W. Bush held office at the time.

Saunders said he was one of 19 members appointed by President Bush and was the only person reappointed by President Bill Clinton to the council, where he served as a senior member for the two terms of his administration.

After college while working as a federal grain elevator inspector, Saunders suffered internal and external injuries after an explosion. He said this event changed his future, and his courage and dedication led him to a new life as an athlete.

He won numerous medals competing in the Paralympics and also set a pentathlon world record in 1992. He was declared as "The World's Greatest All-Around Wheelchair Athlete."

"When I competed in sports in high school and somebody told me there were wheelchair sports, I told them they were nuts," Saunders said.

ders said. "If someone sees another person in a wheelchair, they think that they can't accomplish anything."

Saunders has also spent his life inspiring people while delivering motivational speeches and presentations. He has spoken to schools, churches, corporations and other groups.

He has worked with notable people such as Arnold Schwarzenegger, Tom Cruise and Bill Snyder.

From 1991 to 2005, he served as a motivational coach to Snyder, who created an award entitled "Kevin Saunders Never Give Up Award." Former K-State quarterback Grant Gregory recently won the award.

Saunders is also working on creating his own Web site entitled "Evolution of America." He also founded a Web site at [WheelchairSuccessFoundation.org](http://WheelchairSuccessFoundation.org) to help individuals in wheelchairs earn scholarships for higher education.

Saunders said he has traveled frequently, promoting fitness across America and other countries. He said his 2,500 mile journey has taken him to European countries, such as France, Germany, the Netherlands and Italy.

He said these travels happened while he was an international ambassador for fitness.

"With my paralyzation, it encourages me to speak all around the world," Saunders said.

He said he hopes these speeches will enable students to see the success in their lives and help them make healthy choices.

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# Fallen Hero

Tiger only human, people label others with extremism



Joseth Sommers

The news is often filled with reports of seedy affairs about people held in the highest regard. The recent media attention and public backlash against Tiger Woods illustrates another example of the failure of a man some considered to be a hero.

But why are people so mad at him? After all, his actions, while immoral and kind of creepy, are not that uncommon among the population as a whole.

The problem stems from the fact, as a society, we often participate in the act of hero worship. Tiger Woods was never more than just a man, but because of his golfing abilities and his carefully built image, many thought of him as something more.

People have always needed extreme examples of morality to use as measuring posts of their own virtues. At one end we have God, who represents pure love and compassion, and at the other end we have Satan, who represents pure evil.

We often apply these attributes and titles to the people around us. We anoint our heroes and we condemn our villains. The folly in assigning such labels is that no one is completely good



Illustration by Whitney Bandel

or completely evil.

We tend to romanticize the heroes of our past and ignore their human flaws, especially in the United States where the Founding Fathers are often spoken about as if they were deities. However, if you know anything about them, that is far from the case.

The point is that we gloss over these facts because we need to believe this country was founded by men far superior to ourselves. Otherwise, we are no different from any other country created by any other men. We need these heroes to see the best qualities in ourselves and our potential to achieve

greatness. Heroes represent a goal we all wish to accomplish.

Similarly, we also ignore the human side to our villains, but for different reasons.

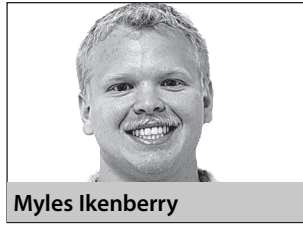
When we are confronted with an individual like Hitler or bin Laden, we have a need to look at them as monsters. Although some of their acts are monstrous, they remain human just like the rest of us. This is the idea that frightens us. This is why we must look at them as something nonhuman. If we were to allow ourselves to think of Hitler as just another member of the human race, it would directly con-

nect all of us to him and make us realize we are all, at some level, capable of the same horrific acts.

The danger of this kind of thought is that it blinds us from the truth; it keeps us from looking at people for who they are. By applying these extreme labels to people, we fail to see the reasons behind their actions. We ignore the hard work and sacrifice that goes into being a good person and the social influences that lead others to do harm.

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# Obama should use lessons from history to build economy



Myles Ikenberry

The only way to get the U.S. out of financial and economic trouble is to return to the fiscal policies that once made our economy strong and powerful.

President Obama generally speaks with eloquence and accuracy, so it was unexpected when he uttered the tragically inaccurate words “spread the wealth around.” That statement was repeated in American media stations endlessly, usually along with the accusation of an underlying socialist agenda, and always in the absence of a fair and accurate interpretation of the relevant economics.

Obama should have said, “mitigate the increasing income disparity.” Contrary to what you see on TV, an honest analysis of the history of economics and American financial policy reveals that Barack Obama is

about as socialist as Dwight D. Eisenhower and Adam Smith.

In the 1950s, the marginal tax rate was around 90 percent on income above \$300,000. So, if you made \$400,000, you paid 90 percent on the last \$100,000. At this time in American history, these high progressive taxes were widely accepted as necessary to mitigate wild extremes of wealth and strengthen the economy while preventing another Great Depression.

Had those tax rates remained in place, the Forbes 400 richest Americans today would each have accumulated closer to \$100 million in wealth instead of \$3.9 billion. That would have provided \$1.53 trillion in public revenue, enough to pay for a Manhattan Project on carbon-neutral energy or to fund every public and private university in the U.S. and provide a free college education for every citizen, from then until now and well into the future.

Instead, those high progressive taxes were removed, especially during



Illustration by Whitney Bandel

the Reagan years, and the U.S. experimented with financial deregulation. That experiment continued with George W. Bush, who cut capital gains tax from 22.9 percent to 15 percent and reduced the highest tax bracket from 39.6 percent to 35 percent. According to IRS data, these measures effectively reduced

the average tax rate paid by the richest 400 Americans by a third, to 17.2 percent, and allowed them to double their average yearly incomes to \$263.3 million.

The 400 richest Americans control \$1.57 trillion in wealth. According to Forbes, the wealth of these Americans increased by 2 percent (\$30 billion) during

the recent, most severe economic downturn since the Great Depression.

While other Americans lost their 401K retirement plans, jobs and homes, the wealthiest 400 Americans accumulated enough wealth to hire 500,000 teachers at a salary of \$60K apiece. Today in this country, not only do we currently have more than 400 billionaires, we have 29 million underemployed and unemployed Americans, a degrading infrastructure, increasing college tuitions and a potential environmental crisis. We also remain the only industrialized country without universal health care.

More than 80 percent of American economists agree that progressive taxation, the opposite of trickle-down economics, is the morally and economically responsible way to pay for the costs of our government and society.

A quote from the creator of capitalism Adam Smith, in his 1776 magnum opus “The Wealth of Nations,” illustrates the point, “It is not very unreasonable that the rich should contribute to

the public expense, not only in proportion to their revenue, but something more than that proportion.”

The million-dollar question is how to get back to the economic policies that once made our economy and society strong. Letting Bush’s tax cuts expire in 2010 is an obvious first start. A responsible next step could be a wealth tax that kicks in when net worth exceeds \$100 million and an Eisenhower tax rate on adjustable gross yearly income more than \$3 million, said Les Leopold and Bruce Bartlett.

This is not socialism, it is merely a return to the capitalist fiscal policies that created the healthy American middle class during the 1950s and 1960s and prevented financial gamblers from returning us to another depression. It is a return to policies that put people to work and built an economy, educational system and infrastructure that were envied throughout the world.

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# Roeder’s case one of murder — plain, simple



Jason Strachman Miller

Is it just me or does allowing someone the possibility of serving only five years in prison for shooting someone in the head at point-blank range seem a little lenient?

This situation could become reality. Judge Warren Wilbert said he would consider giving jurors the option of convicting Scott Roeder, admitted killer of Dr. George Tiller, of voluntary manslaughter, which is defined as “an unreasonable but honest belief that circumstances existed that justified deadly force” under Kansas statute.

While many might hear the term “voluntary manslaughter” and think it carries similar weight to murder, the reality is quite different. The sentencing guide-

lines for voluntary manslaughter can range from 55 months to 247 months, depending on the crime and the defendant’s criminal history.

If any change needs to be made to this trial, Roeder should be tried for a hate crime since he singled out Tiller because of his involvement in late-term abortions as a violation of his religious morals. This was a planned assassination, and treating it like a case of justified vigilantism is a mistake that will lead to many more extremist attacks on people.

Should we then believe that members of the Klu Klux Klan can kill a person of color and only be charged for voluntary manslaughter since they truly feel they are doing the right thing according to their racist beliefs? Or perhaps we should not charge Islamic extremists who would kill those who do not follow their religion because of how they interpret the Quran.

Allowing perpetrators to excuse themselves from punishment for their illegal actions based on personal beliefs undermines the en-

tire reason for having a legal system.

When cataloging the killing of Tiller, the only word that can aptly describe the situation is murder. Tiller was unarmed, non-threatening and in his place of worship at the time. For that reason, allowing the jury to deliberate on any punishment less severe than murder is completely disrespectful to human life.

To think there stands a possibility that Roeder will be able to negotiate his absurd reasoning is beyond comprehension. Had a man or woman shot someone committing unlawful human atrocities there would be a gray area, but to shoot a person who has committed no crime is deserves nothing less than to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Should Roeder’s logic seem appropriate to a jury of his peers, perhaps it will be time to find a new state to live in.

In the words of Katherine Spillar, executive vice president of Feminist Majority Foundation, “Allowing an argument that this

cold-blooded, premeditated murder could be voluntary manslaughter will embolden anti-abortion extremists and could result in ‘open season’ on doctors across the country.”

The outcome of Roeder’s case will definitely echo through the minds of those debating similar actions. Luckily, for those of us on planet Earth, our world has laws. More specifically our nation has laws, and murder is a pretty cut-and-dry one. I hope this trial serves as an example to others in the mindset that they cannot kill on their own moral merit.

If Roeder disagreed with the late-term abortion laws in Kansas, perhaps a better approach would have been to pursue politics and change the laws himself.

Since he chose to go against the very laws that he now seeks to hide behind, he should feel the full extent of the law bear down on him.

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# Dumbing Down

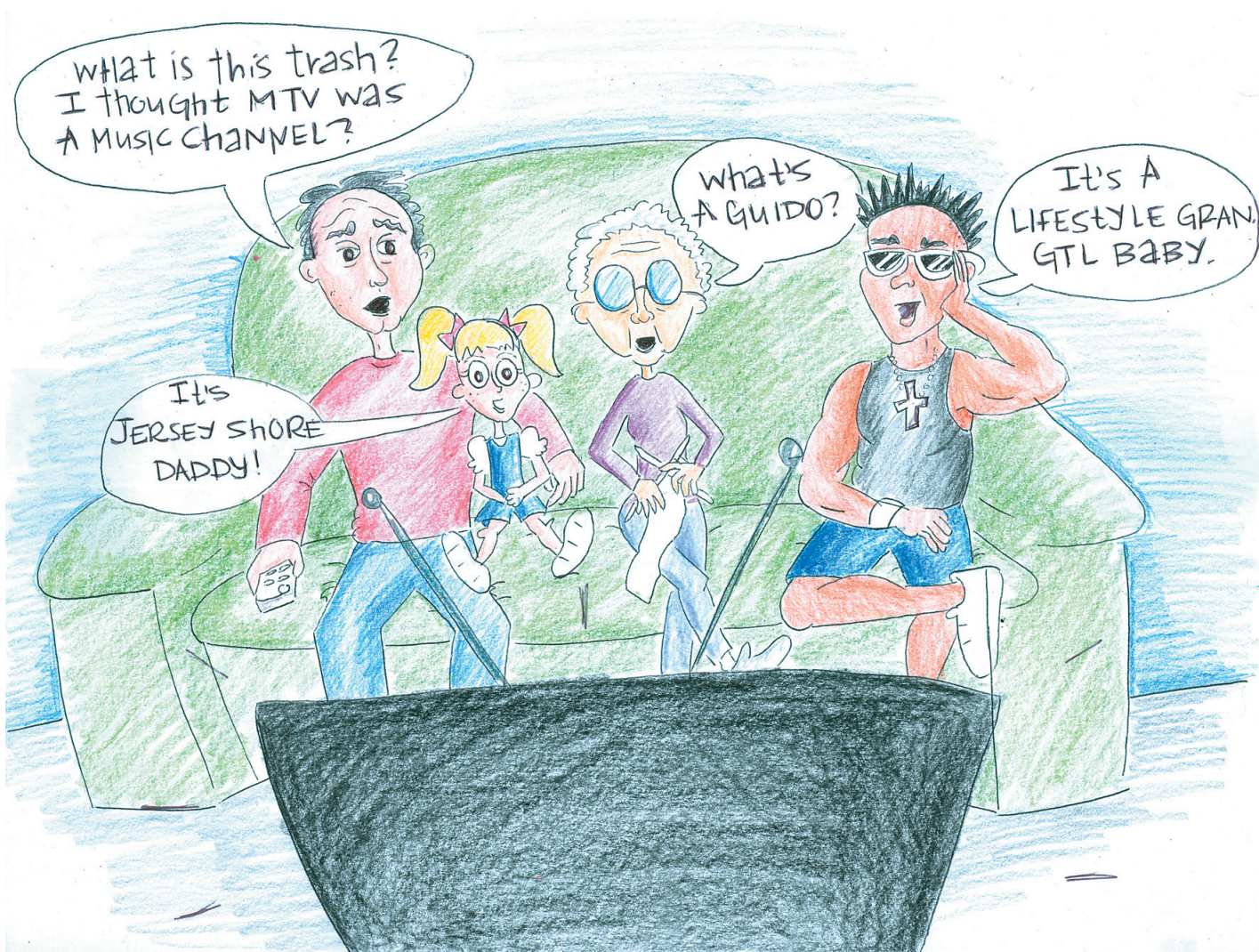


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## MTV reality shows seek ratings at expense of content, society



Aubree Casper

There are those shows that document people living average lives while trying to make tomorrow better than today.

Then there are those shows that document people taking their lives, putting them on a train, running that train into a brick wall and then crushing it with a 10,000-pound boulder. While many people — 775,000 according to Nielsen Media Research — tune into MTV each day, the channel's viewership has decreased by more than 13 percent since the early 2000s.

The joke of "back when MTV played music videos" became a crushing reality on Nov. 16, 2008 when the very last Total Request Live aired on MTV, according to *MTV.com*. TRL was an hour of music videos on a channel that was supposed to be dedicated to music but had started the new millenium with a new lineup of reality television.

While "The Real World," which is in its 23rd season, has enjoyed a successful block on MTV since 1992, MTV still looks similar to how it did back in 1981

when its first music video, The Buggles' "Video Killed the Radio Star," aired. Who knew that nearly 30 years later, it would be the "Reality Show Killed the Video Star"?

Some might argue MTV has found more mainstream and marketing success since its launch of new, edgier reality shows in the last five years, like "A Shot at Love with Tila Tequila," "The College-Humor Show" and "Parental Control," even though viewership has decreased. Yet MTV continues to put out what seems like a new show each month.

Perhaps the most controversial show to hit MTV so far is its newest, "Jersey Shore." The show follows the lives of six fun-and-fancy-free Italian-American coeds who live out many teenagers' idea of the young 20-something life. The guidos and guidettes of "Jersey Shore," with names like "Snooki" and "The Situation" not only have disgraced people of their own age group, but their entire nationality.

UNICO, an Italian-American service organization, has been none too verbal about their outrage at the way its culture is portrayed on MTV. Not only has it asked all Italian-Americans to boycott the show, but it has written legislation to have the show banned from the airways entirely. In articles from The Huffington Post and The New York Times, UNICO spokespeople said the word "guido" is a derogatory term that usually evokes images of overly tanned, hair-gelled-to-the-

max Italian boys (and lest we forget the now-famous fist pump). Yet this is the way MTV promotes the show's colorful characters.

While many viewers would admit that "Jersey Shore" is a little ridiculous, that MTV is grasping for something original and intriguing, those same viewers still watch.

"I usually watch 'Jersey Shore' because it is on when I have free time, and I find myself hypnotized by the absurdity of the lifestyle of those people," said Laura Jones, sophomore in elementary education.

While some shows like "True Life," "Teen Mom" and "The Buried Life" follow people who are trying to make a difference and change people's opinions about a certain group or stereotype, most MTV shows degrade others.

"I feel like these shows dumb us down and lower our expectations of how we act and how our peers should act," Jones said.

Shows like "Bromance," "The Hills" and "My Super Sweet 16" portray negative images about our generation and give younger viewers impractical expectations about maturing.

MTV shows are meant to entertain, but to what lengths will MTV go to get better ratings? The future alone can tell, but the evolution of reality television will be unlike any other in history.

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## Movie has thought-provoking themes, jarring transitions



COURTESY ART

### "The Book Of Eli"

★★★★☆

Movie review by Tyler Brown

Jan. 15 brought the release of a film set in a post-apocalyptic landscape that Hollywood has become very familiar with over the last 20 years. What the Hughes Brothers' film contributes to this genre are some engaging themes and appealing plot twists.

Without giving too much away, the story of "The Book of Eli" focuses on a lone man making his way west in the belief that he alone carries the source for humanity's salvation.

Eli comes across the film's antagonist, Carnegie, while passing through a small, run-down township. The town is filled with the familiar inhabitants of a post-apocalyptic world, complete with goggles, scruff and hardship. Carnegie runs the town by controlling the water supply; he has an obsession with books and the mysterious object Eli is carrying.

The two big stars in the film are Denzel Washington as Eli and Gary Oldman as Carnegie. As the film's hero and scoundrel, these two are great at keeping up with each other

and selling their scenes. Two other stars in the film are Mila Kunis and Ray Stevenson; although they don't get as much screen time, they carry their weight in the story.

Some interesting themes that run throughout the film include wastefulness, religion and faith. In the future presented in the movie, money has no meaning; people buy goods with materials that we throw away all the time in the present.

Religion is presented in the film as something that can be used to control desperate people in times of need, just as it has been done throughout history. Faith is key to Eli's character because through all of his hardships, it guides him and helps him overcome an obstacle revealed in the film's second half.

The film was a little uneven. There were parts that were action packed, but also parts where the skirmishes would come to a sudden halt to delve deeper into the story and scenery. I found some of these transitions to be a little too jarring to work. Aside from this factor, the film works. If you're a fan of the genre or of the two leads, definitely check this one out.

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FISH | Event possible to continue

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On Saturday, several of the students gave presentations on the research they were doing about aquatic ecosystems.

“It was mostly just fish people,” said Jason Fischer, graduate student in biology and one of the students who attended the event. “There was a wide range of topics in the presentations.”

Gerken said there were 21 presentations from students about their graduate or undergraduate final research projects.

Students provided a registration fee for the event, but Gerken said that donations to the colloquium from the Education Section of the so-

cietiy and the Kansas Chapter helped limit the cost of registration for the students by 60 percent.

The two-day colloquium ended Saturday afternoon at about 4 p.m. The first students to register were provided lodgings, but the rest drove out for Saturday's presentations. There are no definite plans for the next annual colloquium.

“It is definitely something we want to keep trucking along with,” Fischer said. “Hopefully it will build those connections that will help us in the future.”

The colloquium has been held annually for the past three years, and the K-State group will continue to try to keep with the tradition.

Eduroam lets students connect globally

Jacob Most | LSU

Students, staff and faculty now have the ability to access Louisiana State University's wireless service on campuses all over the world, thanks to a program Information Technology Services unveiled last month.

The service, known as education roaming or Eduroam, allows affiliates of an Eduroam-enabled campus to connect to a wireless network on any participating campus around the world, according to Ashley Berthelot, editor for the Office of Public Affairs.

Students, staff and faculty can use their “@lsu” credentials to gain access to other wireless networks on campuses all over the globe, Berthelot said. Guests from other Eduroam institutions will be able to access the wireless networks using their own institutional credentials while visiting campuses, she said.

“We are proud to be in a leadership position in the U.S., offering Eduroam services to our faculty, students and staff when they visit campuses in other countries,” said Brian Voss, vice chancellor for Information Technology.

Eduroam is widely available on campuses in Europe and Asia, according to Berthelot. Other U.S. universi-

ties that offer Eduroam include Harvard University and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Students can use Eduroam to obtain free wireless connections while studying or traveling abroad, said Sheri Thompson, IT communications and planning officer.

“It is pretty neat, and it will save a lot of hassle for travelers trying to get Internet access,” said Skyler Bourgeois, mass communication freshman.

Eduroam was developed for the international research and education community, Berthelot said.

“I am looking forward to using this service while I am on sabbatical this spring,” said Jeffrey Clayton, physics and astronomy professor. “I think it will make working from abroad a lot easier.”

Louisiana State incurred no cost for Eduroam, but the infrastructure of the servers and centralized local user databases are required, according to Thompson. She said fewer U.S. universities use Eduroam than those in Europe and Asia because they do not have the infrastructure.

Information, including a list of universities that use Eduroam, is available at [lsu.edu/eduroam](http://lsu.edu/eduroam).

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## BASKETBALL | Curtis Kelly: Fans did not deserve loss at home



Jonathan Knight | COLLEGIAN  
K-State forward **Jamar Samuels** looks away from the action during the second half of Saturday's loss to Oklahoma State in Bramlage Coliseum.

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began a 14-4 run that allowed K-State to regain the lead 55-48 with eight and a half minutes to play.

The Cowboys quickly made up the deficit with a 10-0 run of their own and took the lead 55-58 with five minutes remaining, and Moses fouled out moments later.

K-State kept clawing, but Oklahoma State managed to stay a basket or two ahead due to foul shots. With fewer than 30 seconds remaining, Kelly converted two free throws, and the Wildcats were down 69-70. They got a steal but turned the ball over and fouled.

With 13.3 seconds left on the clock, freshman forward Roger Franklin missed one of his free throws, leaving K-State behind by only two

points. After missing a shot, K-State fouled again, and two made free throws by the Cowboys put the Wildcats behind by four. Pullen launched a three, but time expired, leaving the Wildcats with their first home loss of the season.

"I think Kansas State is a Final Four team," said Cowboys coach Travis Ford. "I think they've got the pieces to do that. I think they've got the depth. Frank is a great coach."

Kelly said the loss at home hurt. Pullen and McGruder added that the team just has to go back to practice hard and bounce back.

"I don't think our fans deserved it," Kelly said. "I don't think our students deserved it. I just hope they forgive us and move on like we're going to move on."

## Shared Frustration



Erin Poppe | COLLEGIAN  
Students in the ICAT section express their feelings about Saturday's game against the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

## Wreaths of remembrance



Sara Manco | COLLEGIAN  
**Tyrone Williams**, junior in dance and business management, gets emotional while speaking at the Wreath Laying Ceremony for Martin Luther King Jr. on Friday afternoon. Martin Luther King Jr. was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and spoke at K-State just before his assassination.

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